

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives proudly pauses to acknowledge the outstanding service provided by SSM DePaul Health Center to the people of St. Louis County; and

**Whereas**, a community hospital with a mission to serve community's needs, SSM DePaul Health Center maintains a Level 2 Trauma Program which ensures that patients have access to general surgeons, anesthesia, and neurosurgery within twenty minutes of arrival; and

**Whereas**, the Trauma Center operated by SSM DePaul Health Center is one of only three Level 2 Centers and three Level 1 Centers in the St. Louis metropolitan area, the mission of which has been seriously impacted recently by rising malpractice insurance rates, fewer providers choosing to enter trauma medicine, a very high expense-to-patient ratio, and the closing of one such center in 1999; and

**Whereas**, SSM DePaul Health Center has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the people of St. Louis County through its diligent efforts to find diverse funding sources to support its Trauma Center and through its successes to keep associated costs well below national averages:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously applaud the stellar history of community service provided by SSM DePaul Health Center and commend the ever-important, lifesaving work conducted by the hospital's Level 2 Trauma Center; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of SSM DePaul Health Center of St. Louis County.

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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2131, adopted April 23, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker